

PATENT

Serial No. 10/024,787

Amendment in Reply to Office Action of March 23, 2005

REMARKS

Careful examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

Claims 1-3, 7-12 and 14-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 7-12 and 14-27 are allowed.

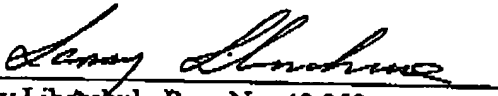
To conclude the prosecution of this case, claims 20-27 are canceled without prejudice by this amendment. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment after final rejection cancels rejected claims, thereby removing issues for appeal. Entry of this amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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